



City of Hampton, VA

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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Linda Curtis
W. H. "Billy" Hobbs, Jr.
Will Moffett
Chris Snead
Christopher G. Stuart
Donnie R. Tuck
George E. Wallace, Mayor

Staff:
Mary Bunting, City Manager
Jeff Sachs, Interim City Attorney
Katherine K. Glass, CMC, Clerk of Council

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

6:05 PM

Council Chambers, 8th Floor, City Hall

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

GEORGE E. WALLACE PRESIDED

PRESENT: Linda Curtis, W. H. "Billy" Hobbs, Jr., Will Moffett, Chris Snead, Donnie R. Tuck

ABSENT: Christopher G. Stuart

Mayor Wallace called the meeting to order and noted that no citizens had signed up to speak. Mayor Wallace called for speakers from the audience. One person indicated they wished to speak.

At Mayor Wallace's request, Clerk of Council Ms. Katherine Glass read the protocol for the Public Comment Period.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Edwin Boone, 48 Snow Street, greeted those on the dais and made the following statement: Election time is coming around. We have five seats open. I would like to address the issues before election time about who was on board and how they voted. Right now, I have an article from the Daily Press (entitled) "Leaders Discussing Next Move in Sting, Hampton City Council Debating Referring Case to Investigators". I have a picture of Will Moffett on the front page of the Daily Press dated April 3, 2013. At the time, (since Moffett is going to say that we should refer the case to investigators) I asked if he was going to stand there and demand since he has the buddy pull of being on Council. As far as having the independent investigation, it is only a photo op. Nobody is held accountable. Nobody goes to jail. Nobody knows anything about anything about the Police sting. At first, it was \$3 million, then it was \$4 million. As a concerned citizen, I would like to know what happened to the other million dollars that is missing. I am thinking it is more than that. That is only what was stated. Also concerning me is Harbor Square. How you went about it. How we had an outside developer that wanted to purchase the land and give the City the area for that courthouse so they could revitalize it. Right now, the City gave up \$1 million for the architect to change from

where the courthouse is to across the street, \$1 million to change the architectural plans. Also, the Town Center. We invested all our money and effort into the Town Center which went bankrupt and into foreclosure in 22 months and left the rest of the City hanging. The bank bought it back for \$50 million after \$250 (million) was invested. The City Manager, at the time, said that there was a budget shortage, but then she came up with money at the end of the year and wanted a credit card only for the Town Center. Citizens, you have to stand up. We have to get rid of these people. They are always six against one. They are going to target the one, and if you look at the record, I am here to show you. I need some help. If you look at the record, it is always six against one and they are going to target that one individual. So, unless we make a change with the five votes, we need to get at least four out of the five so that we can have our majority vote so that we can change the dynamics in Hampton. One last thing: Fort Monroe. The Mayor's brother is on the Fort Monroe Authority Board. I went to ask Mr. Wallace when he was taken off the Board why wasn't a minority replacing him and Hampton is 50% minority? I asked isn't there at least one qualified minority? He said no. Now, the Mayor's brother is on the Fort Monroe Authority Board. I think there is a conflict of interest when she (Molly Ward) is in charge of all the resources in Virginia now.

Mayor Wallace thanked Mr. Boone for his comments indicating that Mr. Boone's speaking time had expired.

Mayor Wallace called for additional speakers from the audience. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

George E. Wallace
Mayor

Katherine K. Glass, CMC
Clerk of Council

Date approved by Council _____